Cotton Corporation of India to be operated by it from time to time keeping in view the prevailing prices. During the cotton season 1990-91, 11.90 lakh bales of cotton were exported.

(c) Government's endeavour is to fully meet the requirements of the domestic textile industry before releasing quotas for export of cotton.

Supply silk yarn at reasonable rate

1006. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: what steps have been taken by Government to ensure supply of standard silk yarn at reasonable rates to all producers of silk cloth in view of the unprecendented hike in prices of silk yarn after the presentation of the Budget proposals in July last?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GELHOT): One of the main reason for the recent increase in prices of raw silk in the local markets is the outbreak of pebrine disease mainly in the rearing areas of silk producing states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. This has affected the availability of raw silk in the country. While the various remedial measures being taken by the Central Silk Board (C.S.B.) in collaboration with the concerned State Governments are expected to help improving the availability of raw silk and controlling the price, a proposal to import 200 M. Tonnes of raw silk is also under consideration.

12.00 Noon

(THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport under major Port Trusts Act, 1963.

II. Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport publishing the National Welfare Board for seafarers (Amendment) Rules, 1991

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TAANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Madam, I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing), under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 308(E) date the 12th June, 1991, approving the New Mangalore Port Trusts Employees (Conduct) Fourth Amendment Regulations, 1991.

(2) G.S.R. No. 314(E), dated the 21st 1991, approving the Paradip Port Employees (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations, 1991.

(3) G.S.R. No. 322 (E) dated the 28th June, 1991, approving the Madras Port Trust (Pension Fund) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 1991.

(4) G.S.R. No. 326(E), dated the 2nd July, 1991, approving the Kandla Port Employees (Allotment of Residence) Amendment Regulations, 1991.

(5) G.S.R. No. 506(E), dated the 26th July, 1991 approving the Tuticorin Port Trust (Recruitment of Head of Department) Regulations, 1991.

(6) G.S.R. No. 510(E) dated the 26th July, 1991, approving the Visakhapatnam Port Employees' (Temporary Service) Regulations, 1991.

(7) G.S.R. No. 561(E), dated the 11th September, 1991. approving the Calcutta Port Trust Employees' (Other than Haldia Dock Complex) (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Fifth Amendment Regulations, 1991 and Calcutta Pilot Service (Other than Haldia Dock

Complex) (Training, Grading and Seniority) First Amendment Regulations, 1991 [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT –778/91]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Shipping Wing) Notification G.S.R. No. 652(E), dated the 28th October, 1991, publishing the National Welfare Board for Seafarers (Amendment) Rules, 1991, under sub-section (3) of section 458 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-779/91]

Notfications of the Ministry of Coal under Coal Mines Provident Fund and Mescellaneous Provisions Act, 1948

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): Madam, I lay on the Table, under section 7A of the Coal Mines Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1948 a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Menistry of Coal:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 505, dated the 7th September, 1991, publishing the Andhra Pradesh Coal Mines Provident Fund (Amendment) Scheme, 1991.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 506, dated the 7th September, 1991, publishing the Coal Mines Provident Fund (Amendment) Scheme, 1991.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 507, dated the 7th September, 1991, pubieshing the Rajasthan Coal Mines Provident Fund (Amendment) Scheme, 1991. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-811/91]

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

Tea Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Sick Tea Units) Amendment Bill 1991

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Tea Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Sick Tea Units) Amendment Bill, 1991, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 29th November, 1991.

Madam, I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

RE. CONFESSIONAL STATEMENT OF SHRI R. NAGARAJAN FORMER TAMIL NADU HOME SECRETARY

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, please look at the statement in the papers today... (*Interruptions*)

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश): मैडम, राजीव गांधी की हत्या में... (व्यवधान)

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, we request the Government to institute an Inquiry Commission. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: May I request the hon. Members to go back to their seats? I think, you don't sit here. She doesn't sit there. Please go back to your seats. (*Interruptions*) Please go back to your seats.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: It is unknown to the criminal law. (*Interruptions*) An accused has no right to approach the Magistrate... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: It is not a statement... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. Pandeyji, please go back to your seat. (*Interruptions*) Please go back to your seats. (*Interruptions*) Please take